सूचना के अनुसार गुजरात में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों पर कोई यातायात संकेत प्रणाली स्थापित नहीं की गई है ।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Affairs of Indian Shipping Industry

3067. SHRI ASHIS SEN:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of SUFRACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Business Standard' dated the 2nd June, 1992 and Business and Political Observer dated the 5th June, 1992 regarding request to join a private shipping company by a Former Director General of Shipping and move to hire technically rejected ship respectively;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to order an inquiry to look into the hiring of technically-rejected ships by a private sector firm, move to hire those ships by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission and request by the former Director General of Shipping to join the said private sector shipping unit; and

(d) if so, by when and the terms of reference thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) he former Director General of Shipping, Shri Praveen Singh, had sought in March, 1992, Government's permission to accept commercial employment with Essar Shipping Limited as its Managing Director. The Government did not accede to the request.

M/s. Essar Shipping Limited had acquired a Multi-Support Vessel (Dynamic Constructor) since renamed as ESSAR STENA-I. According to the information obtained from the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, this vessel did not meet the technical specifications of Oil and Natural Gas Commission and, hence, was not employed by Oil and Natural Gas commission against their earlier tender. Even though there was a proposal to hire this vessel for undertaking certain off shore jobs which the vessel is capable of doing, the same was not approved by Oil and Natural Gas Commission since the proposal was not against a global tender and the need for the vessel required further examination. In the circumstances, the question of holding an inquiry does not arise.

Length of Surfaced and Unsurfaced Roads

3068. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the length of surfaced and unsurfaced road in 1980 and 1990 respectively;

(b) whether it is a fact that no significant progress has been made so far in the construction of surfaced roads during the last decade;

(c) whether any action plan has been drawn to improve the condition of roads in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) There has been significant progress in the construction of surfaced roads in the country from 1980 to 1988 (the latest figures available) as per details below: